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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Christian families must work and pray to re-establish Christmas as a season of festivities marking Christ's birth. Either we live the liturgical year with its varying seasons of joy and sorrow, work and rest, or we follow the pattern of the world. It is not easy to break with the world and the powerful influence of advertising. Their season begins before Thanksgiving Day when wares are displayed for holiday gift giving and ends on December 24.

Families who would not dream of eating their Thanksgiving turkey a week in advance, or having their Fourth of July picnic in June, give no thought to the fact that when they awake on December 25, there is not a shred of Christmas left. Every present has been opened, every carol sung. The tree has dried out. Christmas is apt to be a full day given to over-eating. There was no fast in Advent, so it follows that there can be no feast.

The Christian family's Christmas can be joyfully revived by preparing for Christ in Advent. We should use the Advent Wreath and prayers at mealtime.

On Saturday evening before the first Sunday of Advent, the whole family gathers around the wreath for the blessing by the father: The following formula can be used:

FATHER: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Who has made heaven and earth.

FATHER: Let us pray. O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from you abundant graces. Through the same Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Sprinkle the wreath with holy water. The prayer of the week is then said. Then the candle is lighted.

FIRST WEEK

FATHER: Stir up your might, O Lord, and come! Under your shelter may we graciously be rescued from the dangers that threaten us due to our sin. By your deliverance, may we finally be saved. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

One candle is lighted by the youngest child and left burning during the evening meal.

(ADVENT WREATH KITS, as well as refills for kits already obtained, are available in the vestibule of Church after all the Masses. Blessing of the Advent Wreath in Church will take place at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday.)

DID YOU DO YOUR SHARE THIS WEEK?
FINANCIAL BAROMETER
Sunday, Nov. 14, 1971
Sunday Offertory $2,269.00

THANKSGIVING MASSES
7:00 P.M. – Wed. Evening
9:00 A.M. - Thurs. Morning

LECTOR–COMMENTATOR WORKSHOP

Refresher Course for all who attended the Lector-Commentator Workshop last year will be held Tuesday evenings, November 23rd and 30th, from 7:30 to 10:00, at St. Thomas High School cafeteria, Ann Arbor.

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GRACE BEFORE THANKSGIVING DINNER

To us, Your children, Father
You have opened Your hands and have shared with us
the wonders of the world:
sun and sky, leaf and flower, surf and shore.
In Your grace, Father,
You have given us one another.
Into our keeping, You have placed ourselves that,
united in Your love, we may mold Your earth into a
home for each and every man :
where men may live in peace and share in the love that
alone warms life and gives it meaning.
For this, all of this, things both small and great,
and for the greatness caught within the smallest of
Your creatures, we thank You.
Father,
despite our best, our world is still weighted with sorrow:

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Your sons and daughters still go hungry;
Your children take up the weapons of Cain against their brothers;
we gouge the face of Your world with greed and leave a
wasteland where nothing, not even Your children may grow.
Keep us thankful, Father,
so that we may touch all things, and all men, only with
the delicacy of reverence and love.
Keep us aware of the work, Your work, that You have
given into our hands.
For only in Your Spirit will Your kingdom come, and
that day shine when all men will see clearly that
there is indeed reason for thanksgiving.
This, all of this,we ask in Your Spirit, through our Lord and brother Christ Jesus.
Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes will be held for Program A (Released Time) on November 24th, Wednesday Morning, for the children in grades five and six.

There will not be any classes for the children attending Program B (Wednesday after school) on November 24th, due to the fact that many of the children and teachers will be on route to their Thanksgiving Dinners and vacations.

High School classes will be held on Sunday evening, November 28th.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of your Religion fees for the various programs. If you have not taken care of this matter as of yet, please do so as soon as possible.

FEES:
Pre-School: $5.00 per child
High School: $5.00 per child
Program A: $20.00 per family
Program B: $10.00 per family

REMINDER Beginning with the Mass for the First Week of Advent, Dec. 27-28th, the Sat. evening Mass will be at 5:00 P.M.

PARISH CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, November 21
– 9:00 AM - Pre-School Classes - Parish Center
– 9 & 11 AM - Babysitting Service, Parish Center, Room 5.

MONDAY, November 22
– Vicariate Religion Coordinators meet in Library, 8:00 PM.
– Convert Classes, 7:30 PM in Rectory, Deacon Ken Grodzicki.

TUESDAY, November 23
– Liturgy Meeting, 7:30 PM in Parish Center, Room 9.
– Liturgy Course, 7:30 PM in Parish Center Library, Fr. Harvey - "Music, Art, Drama in Celebration - Groove or Lose?"
– Teacher Training Workshop, 7:30 PM in Parish Center, Room 10 - "Music, Art, Drama in Celebration" - Sister Mary O'Connell.

THURSDAY, November 25
– THANKSGIVING DAY

SUNDAY, November 28
– 7:00 PM - Creative Liturgy
– 8:00 PM - High School Religion Classes

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Kimberly Ann Gonyo, daughter of George D. Gonyo and Marianne Paul Gonyo, was received into St. John's Parish on Sunday, November 7, 1971. Kimberly was baptized by Father William King; her godparents were Michael and Carol Paul.

Amanda Coughlin, Michael Richard Oleksinski, Thomas Arthur Edwards and Anne Jennifer Simms were received into St. John's Parish at 11:00 Mass on Sunday, November 14, 1971 by Father David Harvey. Amanda's parents are George Coughlin and Marcella Burch Coughlin; her godparents were Joseph Burch and Connie Coughlin. Michael's parents are John T. Oleksinski and Ann Mooney Oleksinski; his godparents were John Oper and Janice Ziemba. Thomas' parents are Dale Edwards and Rosemarie Mireles Edwards; his godparents were Jesse and Ann Ramirez. Anne's parents are Edward Simms and Mary Blanco Simms; her godparents were Joseph and Geraldine Blanco. Welcome Amanda, Michael, Thomas and Anne.

ANNIVERSARIES

Anyone celebrating their 25th, 40th or 50th Wedding Anniversary during 1972, please contact Mrs. Mel Kerner at 482-9674.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Are you a friend who is willing to share your coffee hours on Saturday, November 27th from 1 to 4 in the auditorium at Veterans Hospital? We are serving gingerbread, and it would be nice if you could spend a few hours with the veterans during this time. If you can't bake and you would like to send money, you may do so by sending it to Mrs. Marion Devine, Representative, 329 Doty, Ann Arbor 48103.

We wish to thank those of you who have helped us in our coffee hours in the past. A special thanks to Mary O'Brien, Mrs. Sonia Honce, and our teen-ager, Kathy Muller. They have all been faithful volunteers.

Since this is the last coffee hour of the year, we would wish you the happiest of holidays with God's blessings.

Mrs. Marion Devine,
Representative

TEEN THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to the Lloyd Cleeremans for their donation of an added pool table for the teen center. We don't have any problems putting it to good use because we have the room and the people to participate. We'd also like to thank Carol Kormash and Dick Kuhl for taking the time to come on a tour of the center and see it in action. We are happy to know that people are thinking of us.

A grateful thank you goes to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bossa, Mary Ellen Behe, Jan Bingham and Sue Gleason for their help in chaperoning the Teen Dance on November 5th. We couldn't do without you.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, November 22, 1971
7:00 AM Intention of the Sesi and Rettinger Families

TUESDAY, November 23, 1971
7:00 AM William Wickering, req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Lavoie & Family
12 Noon Dr. Alexander Dukay, Madeline and Laura Marie Dukay, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Tobie & Mr. & Mrs. Henry Mason

WEDNESDAY, November 24, 1971
7:00 AM Intention of Mr. Grabowski & Anna Schellinsky, req. by Mrs. Clem Grabowski
7:00 PM Thanksgiving Mass - Msgr. John F. Bradley, req. by Helen Stachlewitz

THURSDAY, THANKSGIVING DAY, November 25, 1971
9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass for People of St. John's

FRIDAY, November 26, 1971
7:00 AM Mary Phillips, req. by Emma and Ray Gushwa

SATURDAY, November 27, 1971
NO 9:00 AM MASS
11:00 AM Nuptial Mass: James Joseph Powers and Shirley Mongiat

SUNDAY, November 28, 1971
7:00 AM Harold Block, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DeDominicis
9:00 AM Msgr. John F. Bradley, req. by Esther, John & Tom Francis
11:00 AM William Wickering, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Bissonnette

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SUNDAY LITURGY
SATURDAY EVENING — 7:00 p.m
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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5:30 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS
At 11:00 a.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS
7:15 Wednesday evenings.

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

ALTAR BOYS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
7:00 AM Bill Wagner, Danny Gefre
9:00 AM THURSDAY and 7:00 AM FRIDAY
Mark Brown, Paul McLeod
WEDNESDAY, November 24 and SATURDAY, November 27
7:00 PM Paul and Kevin Courtois
SUNDAY, November 28
7:00 AM Jerry Sullivan and John Madigan
9:00 AM Scott Phetteplace and Mike Cicirelli
11:00 AM Kevin and Chris McCarthy
7:00 PM Tim O'Hara and Mike Prevost

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 27, 1971
5:30 PM ..... C. Budinger
Sunday, November 28, 1971
7:00 AM ..... P. Stokes
9:00 AM ..... L. Sanford
11:00 AM ..... F. Wawrzaszek
7:00 PM ..... G. Short

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 27, 1971
5:30 PM ..... E. Look
Sunday, November 28, 1971
7:00 AM ..... D. Stokes
9:00 AM ..... R. Wagner
11:00 AM ..... D. Racine
7:00 PM ..... N. Pavlovich

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